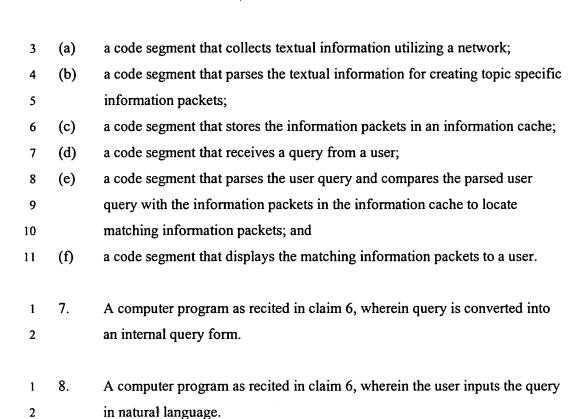## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for allowing concept based information searching, comprising the

2   steps of:

3   (a)   collecting textual information utilizing a network;

4   (b)   parsing the textual information for creating topic specific information

5   packets;

6   (c)   storing the information packets in an information cache;

7   (d)   receiving a query from a user;

8   (e)   parsing the user query and comparing the parsed user query with the

9   information packets in the information cache to locate matching information

10   packets; and

11   (f)   displaying the matching information packets to a user.

1   2.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein query is converted into an internal

2   query form.

1   3.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the user inputs the query in natural

2   language.

1   4.   A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of executing a

2   network search, performing a search of information sources responsive to the

3   user query, and outputting information matching the user query to the user if

4   the user query is not understood.

1   5.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the formatted information includes a

2   hyperlink to the original source of the textual information.

1   6.   A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for allowing

2   concept based information searching, comprising:

3   (a)   a code segment that collects textual information utilizing a network;

4   (b)   a code segment that parses the textual information for creating topic specific

5   information packets;

6   (c)   a code segment that stores the information packets in an information cache;

7   (d)   a code segment that receives a query from a user;

8   (e)   a code segment that parses the user query and compares the parsed user

9   query with the information packets in the information cache to locate

10   matching information packets; and

11   (f)   a code segment that displays the matching information packets to a user.

1   7.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein query is converted into

2   an internal query form.

1   8.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the user inputs the query

2   in natural language.

1   9.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, further comprising a code

2   segment that executes a network search, a code segment that performs a

3   search of information sources utilizing the user query, and a code segment

4   that outputs information matching the user query to the user if the user query

5   is not understood.

1   10.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the formatted information

2   includes a hyperlink to the original source of the textual information.

1	11.	A system embodied on a computer readable medium for allowing concept
2		based information searching, comprising:
3	(a)	logic that collects textual information utilizing a network;
4	(b)	logic that parses the textual information for creating topic specific
5		information packets;
6	(c)	logic that stores the information packets in an information cache;
7	(d)	logic that receives a query from a user;
8	(e)	logic that parses the user query and compares the parsed user query with the
9		information packets in the information cache to locate matching information
10		packets; and
11	(f)	logic that displays the matching information packets to a user.

1	12.	A system as recited in claim 11, wherein query is converted into an internal
2		query form.

1	13.	A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the user inputs the query in natural
2		language.

1	14.	A system as recited in claim 11, further comprising logic that executes a
2		network search, logic that performs a search of information sources utilizing
3		the user query, and logic that outputs information matching the user query to
4		the user if the user query is not understood.

1	15.	A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the formatted information includes
2		a hyperlink to the original source of the textual information.